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Late News

Be Wise — See Whise

by Dave Atkins

In our town, there is a man whom not many people talk about unless it is all good things that they have to say. His name? Ken Whise. Ken is the owner of Family Pharmacy in Downtown Romulus (at the corner of Shook and Goddard roads).

My first encounter with Mr. Whise came some three years ago, although I had known of his business for many years. Since I live near Wick and Wayne roads, I naturally visited other pharmacies in or around Romulus until we moved our offices to the Downtown Area.

I must say that it has been a pleasure knowing this man. Number One: he is a nice guy and tries to help you with your questions and problems. Number Two: he simply knows his profession better than any pharmacist I have met in years.

When a doctor prescribes a medication that is new to you, and you may be a little afraid to take it, Ken (that's what I call him) will gladly look up information for you that may put your mind a little more at ease.

Ken Whise grew up in Wayne and studied for four years at Ferris State College, from which he graduated in 1962. I understand that he married a high school sweetheart (Theresa) and worked at Northside Pharmacy for several years while starting his family.

According to friend and associate Rod Regan, Ken came to Romulus around 1969 and worked with John Kidwell, who had owned the Pharmacy for many, many years.

When John Kidwell got sick and had to leave the business, Ken bought him out and changed the name from Kidwell Drugs to Family Pharmacy. According to Regan, Mr. Kidwell died about nine years ago.

Ken tries to keep in shape: he runs about two or three times a week, eats right, and does everything he can to stay healthy. Regan comments that, "Ken is one of the best in the business; he really knows his business."

Ken and Theresa have two children — a boy and a girl. Their son, Ken, lives in Washington, D.C., and is a packaging engineer for the Black and Decker company. He is a graduate of Michigan State

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Pennington Calls For Council To Act On Issues

by Dave Atkins

At the City Council meeting held on March 12, Councilman Ellis Pennington tried to get support to send a resolution to our state representative and state senator, and also to the surrounding communities, to find a better, more efficient way to finance our public school system. According to Pennington, not one member of the Council would support his motion.

Pennington said, "This City Council will argue for 45 minutes about a siren warning device, but if we don't get something done about these property and school taxes, there's not going to be anyone around to hear the sirens. We tell the people at election time we're going to represent them. My feelings are, represent them in all matters or get out of office!"

Pennington made note that the school system, which the Council has no jurisdiction over, receives 69% of all the taxes collected in Romulus, and added, "I feel it is very unfair to the homeowners and the older people that they should have to pay such ridiculous taxes for education in the City when the older people have no children in school and are on a fixed income, but still have to have a place to live. When most of these people receive their tax bills in July, these tax bills will be 5.5% more than they were in December. I personally feel the Administration of this city, for the past several years, has tried to roll back millage increases in City operating expenses, and I feel that the school system should roll back its millage rate and follow suit with the City. If this were to happen, the tax increases would not be so high, and people could afford to live in Romulus without such a burden on their property taxes."

Mayor Pro Tem Randy Gear asked Pennington what he would suggest that the state representatives and state senators do to finance the school system.

Pennington replied, "We have two well-qualified people in office as our state representative and state senator, but they have to know what the people want before they will take any action to get a law passed giving the homeowners in Romulus relief from the highest educational taxed system in the State."

It is evident that this issue was raised because of the new property assessments that were levied against Romulus by the County just recently.

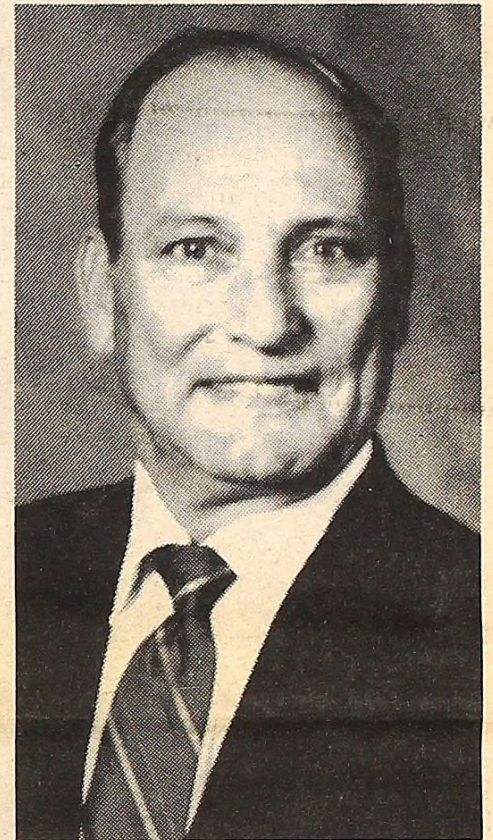
The County, according to Pennington, wanted to assess the City eight percent across the board. After a meeting with City Assessor Matthew Raftary, Pennington said that he found that the City Assessor finally talked the County down to a 5.5% increase instead of the eight percent that had initially been requested.

Property tax increases throughout the State have become an issue that is not sitting very well with many, many people, and, needless to say, Councilman Pennington is one of them.

"I feel that, if property taxes continue to increase at their present rate," he said, "people will be taxed out of the State of Michigan because no one will be able to pay the taxes and, as a result, lose their property they have worked so hard for so many years to keep. I feel something must be done at the State level, and also in our school system, to relieve the homeowners of such great tax burdens."

The City is not responsible for the property tax increases, as many think. Instead, it is levied by the County and then dispersed by the local tax assessor as he sees fit. It so happens that our assessor tries to disperse the increases by area rather than on a city-wide equal basis. In other words, if you live in an area where the homes are selling for \$25,000, your property tax would not increase as much as that of a person who lives in an area where homes are selling for \$50,000.

Pennington did say that, if the lottery



money were dispersed as it was originally intended, property taxes would not be so high because more of the money from the lottery would go for the financing of school districts.

Pennington is very adamant about the school taxes burdening the taxpayers, and his position on the school taxes. It is the feeling of many that, somewhere along the line, people are going to take some sort of stand against the blatant taxation that the County continues to impose upon them. □

Spring Clean-up Starts

by Dave Atkins

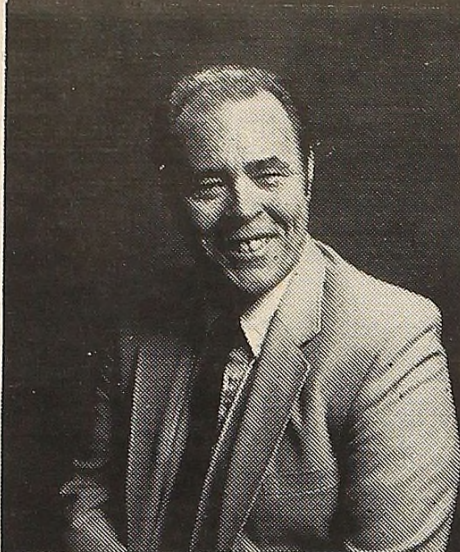
Spring has officially arrived, and the Department of Public Works (DPW) has already begun its spring work in our town.

James Panos, DPW Director, said that, as soon as the ground gets a little more of the water out of it, the work will start in full force to get the City cleaned up. A good start was the removal of a large, dying oak tree on Sterling Street. As a result of its removal, there are two more badly needed parking spaces available in the Downtown Area. The removal of other potentially dangerous trees is also underway in various parts of the City.

DPW workers were kept very busy during most of the winter months with several projects that had needed attention for some time. One of these was the repair and replacement of water mains at Romulus Street just off of Shook. Some 60 or more homes were affected, and the residents there were put at a disadvantage for a few weeks, but most agree that the work was worth whatever problems arose. That particular job had been a pet project of Mayor Beverly McAnally for some time, and she finally got it done. "This is one proj-

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THE EDITOR'S OPINION



Some Attorneys You Just Don't Trust

by Dave Atkins

You are not going to believe what I am about to write. In fact, I can hardly believe it myself.

About a month ago, I received a call from a man who is supposedly a probation officer. This man, who lives in the Belleville area, told me how well he liked "the little paper," and what a great job we were doing for the community. This was the first step in what was later discovered to be a set-up by this man and an attorney from Detroit. What I mean by a set-up is that the "probation officer" tried to work on my ego by telling me we were doing a great job for the people here.

The next thing that was brought up was about a man from Belleville who had some sort of accident because of a pothole on Wayne Road under the I-94 overpass. According to the "probation officer," the man who had the accident was "a little slow," and didn't know how to proceed with litigation against the County since the problem existed on a County road. The "probation officer" then asked me if I would write a letter stating that I knew that this particular pothole was there 30 days prior to the accident. I told him that I was aware of several potholes in that area, but that I would not give him a letter because I was not sure when this man's accident had occurred. The reason he came to me to begin with was because of an article I had written about the repaving of Wayne Road.

Then this "probation officer" had an attorney from Detroit call me. He was the lawyer representing the man who had the accident.

The attorney, also, asked me to send him a letter of what I knew, and I did just that. (The letter was taken to him by the "probation officer," I assume.)

At that time, I figured that everything was all set, and that I would hear no more from these people. What a surprise I had coming, but not as big as the surprise that I would receive later.

The attorney and this "probation officer" came to my office and asked me to write them a letter stating that I knew there was a pothole at the location described 30 days prior to the article I wrote. They showed me a picture of the pothole in question and I did identify it and its location. I wrote another letter to that effect. They asked me if I would appear in court if I were needed, and I told them no. There was no need for me to be in court; they already had all the information they needed from me. They agreed, and also agreed that I would not be called into court. They were polite and thanked me for my help. They were sure that the County would settle with the man out of court, and my services would no longer be needed. They could not have been nicer.

By a strange twist of fate, I heard that this attorney was going to subpoena me to testify in court on behalf of his client. I called him to ask him if what I had heard was true.

He tried to dodge the issue until he finally asked me if I would appear just to help this poor man. I told him absolutely not. At that point, he told me, "Mr. Atkins, I have an open check here for you. How much would it take to get you to come to court to testify?" I replied that he wasn't going to put me in that kind of trap, so he could forget it. He then said, "I am going to give you my home phone number. If you change your mind, give me a call tonight." I told him not to wait up. During this conversation, he continued to assure me that I would not be called into court.

Then, at 4:45 p.m. that same day (approximately 45 minutes after I talked to the attorney), a man walked in the front door of my office and handed me a subpoena to appear in court the next day at 9 a.m. Also accompanying the subpoena was a note stating that the attorney would give me a call about an hour before time for me to appear so as not to waste my time, and a check for \$25.95. (Now, that is really an open check, wouldn't you say?)

Needless to say, I called my attorney and explained to him what had happened. He then told me that I did not have to appear in court because I had not been given sufficient notice. I also told my attorney about the open check, and he asked me if I was being brought in as an expert witness. I told him no, and he told me that, unless I was ap-

pearing as an expert witness, what had been offered to me was illegal. My attorney then called the Detroit attorney and told him that I would not accept a check for an open amount, and that his offer was illegal unless he was calling me in as an expert witness.

The court date was changed and my subpoena was continued by the judge assigned to the case. To make a long story short, I appeared in court in March rather than February.

Almost as soon as I got on the witness stand, the attorney started harassing me by telling me in front of the jury that I did not want to be there to begin with. I really didn't think that should have come as much of a surprise to him. He tried to get the judge to declare me a hostile witness, but she refused. Then he tried several other things which she refused to allow. All in all, I felt that the judge was exceptionally fair to everyone concerned. After a long, drawn-out ordeal, the judge finally excused me and I left.

After the trial was over, I came across one of the jurors, quite by accident, and discussed the case with him.

He said the jury had learned that, although 450,000 cars pass over that particular stretch of road per year, this man was the only one ever to sue the County for bodily injury because of that hole (or any other on that stretch of road). He also told me that, although the attorney had tried to sue the County for \$175,000 for his client, the jury had awarded them absolutely nothing. He said that the attorney for the County had her facts and figures together, while the other attorney seemed to be basically grabbing at straws.

There are three reasons that I am writing this article: first, to inform you not to get involved in a civil suit just because someone tries to play on your feelings about someone who is "slow" (as the "probation officer" did to me); second, to inform you that, if an attorney offers you an open check to appear in court and he is not calling you as an "expert" witness, do not accept it, and inform the authorities about what happened; and third, to inform you that, if you are ever served with a subpoena by an attorney to appear in court, make sure that he/she has allowed you at least two days, or you may not have to go (see MCR 2.506 C-1). Always check out a subpoena with your attorney; he can give you the proper advice. □

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It's The Law



by Murray A. Duncan, Jr., Attorney

The maximum interest allowable on a land contract between individuals is 11%. There is no limit to the number of land contracts that may be attached to a single piece of property. Thus, it is possible to have one deed holder and four land contract holders on a home. The deed holder would have sold the home to party A on a land contract and Party A sold the home to party B on a land contract, etc.

When purchasing a home on a land contract, a purchaser should do a title search on the property. A title search will show all liens and interests on the home. If you discover fault with the title prior to closing, you may either cancel the transaction or give the seller time to cure the title. Be careful when there are underlying land contracts on the property.

If a land contract purchaser does not make a payment, the payment will be your responsibility. Thus, if you purchase a home on a land contract from A, who purchased on a land contract from B, and A does not make his/her

payment, then B can demand the payment from you.

A land contract purchaser should put a clause in the contract that he/she has first option to buy the contract from the seller. Some sellers will sell land contracts at a discounted rate in order to have immediate cash. If this happens, the contract is usually sold for between 70% and 85% of its total worth.

If you have a legal question that you would like answered, you may send your question to my office and I will attempt to address it in a future issue. Questions should be mailed to: Murray A. Duncan, Jr., 10000 South Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174. □

Letters to the Editor

Recently, I cleaned out my closets of all the old toddler clothes from my children's younger years, and I wished that I could give the clothes away to a needy family, but I didn't know of any such family.

I called the Romulus Help Center and they put me in touch with a place called Helping Hand Thrift Shop, located at 37510 Huron River Drive in Romulus.

I called and found that they would give the clothes away to families with vouchers from the city, stating the need for free clothes, and that some of the clothes would be sold to customers

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Family in Desperate Need

by Dave Atkins

Condition serious. No hope of survival. Needs transplant. Completely sedated. Father out of work. Need minimum of \$500,000 because insurance doesn't want to pay. Family needs car to get back and forth to hospital.

What you have just read is the condition of 13-month-old La Toya Jones and her family. La Toya's father was laid off from his job, and the family's income amounts to less than \$900 per month. Her plight has been written about in some of the major papers, and has even received some TV coverage,

but still not much help has arrived.

But wait! There was a group of people who just recently found out about La Toya's problems, and they jumped in with both feet to help. Who were these people? Who else? Another bunch of grade-school kids — grade-school kids and their parents and grandparents who heard about a family's misfortune and jumped in to help.

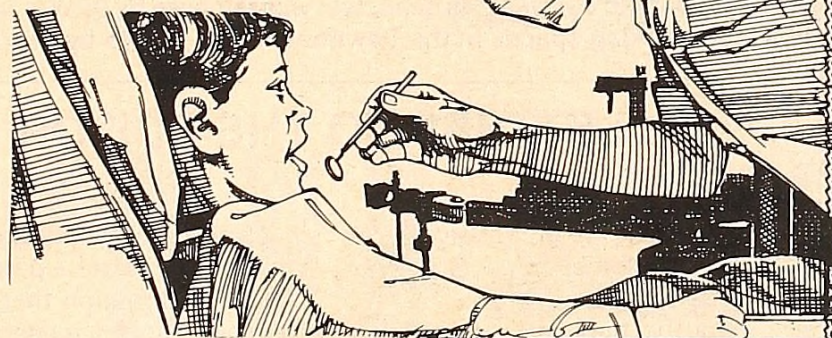
Who are these kids? Why, none other than the kids ranging from kindergarten to sixth grade at Wick Elementary

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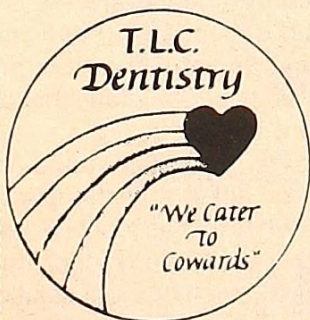
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University.

Ken's daughter, Kristen, lives in Northville. She is a landscape architect and is also a graduate of MSU.

Family Pharmacy honors most of the major insurance cards and what Social Services will cover for prescrip-

tions. The pharmacy is also active with Medicare.

Ken Whise and his family are just one more reason why it is so nice to live in Romulus. He is a local businessman who tries to support his town. Try to support him if and when you can. □

SPRING CLEAN-UP STARTS

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ect I wanted to get done for a long time, and we finally did it," she remarked. "What makes me feel so good about it is that no one tried to force me to do it."

Another ongoing job for DPW workers has been keeping our roads clean, and they deserve to be commended for doing such a fine job of it this winter. Usually, they had our roads clear before the County could really get started.

It is good to have workers like them.

Panos and his assistant, Mel Zilka, said that, once the summer months arrive, plenty of work will be done around the City, affecting just about every resident in Romulus in some way. Panos added that most of the scheduled improvements will be completed by summer's end; he did not elaborate on the nature of those improvements. □



This 118-year-old oak tree was dead, so it was removed by DPW workers, creating two more parking spaces in the Downtown Area. (photo by Rick Tomrell)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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who are looking for great bargains on second-hand clothes (50 cents for women's sweaters).

I found that the workers are all volunteers and any money made from sales goes into paying the rent and bills on the store. They are very friendly people and very appreciative of newly arrived items and customers (which are both desperately needed).

I'm grateful that the clothes that are no good to me anymore are extremely useful to someone needier than I. It's a wonderful little place that more people should consider when cleaning out their closets.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Lynne Moore

I read a very heart-rending story in today's issue (March 7, 1990), entitled "Don't Have A Crisis Between 6 p.m. and 8:30 a.m." by Dave Atkins. I thought the story was very true and told the typical bureaucratic story of the American public's helpless feelings.

Even though I enjoyed the story very

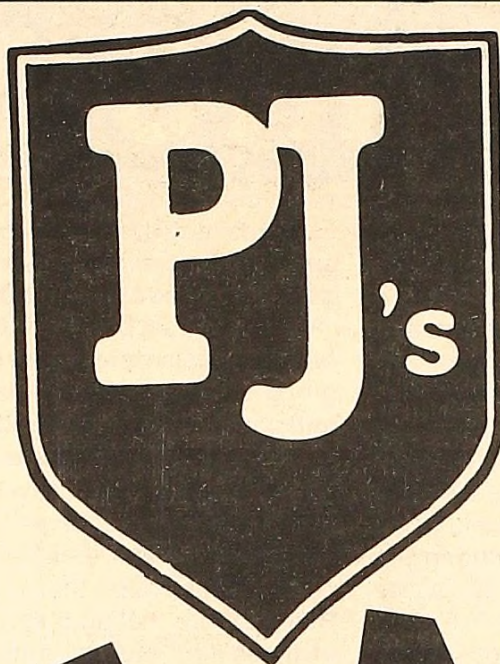
much and felt the futility of the subject involved, I was quite perplexed by the lack of information that should have been given to your readers. If your readers felt the futility intended by your story and it led them to feel as though any real help doesn't exist in our constantly frustrating society, then your story has done more harm than the good it had intended.

As the story points out, governmental agencies maintain certain business hours and their assistance ends accordingly. But, there does exist a community of very helpful people and agencies that have no real hours, and their help and guidance are the few constant and dependable realities of our struggling society. I am referring to the community of Christians that are very prevalent around us.

I feel, as do many Christians and non-Christians alike, that the spirituality of a person is just as much in need of crisis intervention as any other facet of our troubled lives. If this real solution

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by Fred Coleman, Romulus Schools Athletic Director

If you're a Romulus resident with a son or daughter in our athletic program, I can't believe that there is not a huge sense of pride swelling out of your household right now.

The accomplishments of our programs thus far in the 1989-90 school year are such that parents, teachers, coaches, fans, and community members should all be proud.

The league in which we play is, no doubt, one of the best in the State of Michigan, and this season we had two second-place finishes (wrestling and volleyball).

Unlike almost all of the schools in the Wayne County area, we have a 2.0 mandatory grade point average (a "C" average) for the student-athletes who compete for our teams, and our coaches stress the importance of grades and graduation above the offense and defense of their sports.

This attitude of our athletes and coaching staff has, no doubt, led to the tremendous success of our teams this season, despite being much smaller in

basketball and volleyball, and suffering all kinds of problems with injuries and illness during our wrestling season.

Our winter teams combined for 100 victories and only 46 losses for the season in all three sports, and managed to have very few eligibility problems.

The "study table" concept (one hour before practice) that some Romulus coaches are instituting is really helping, especially with the ninth- and tenth-grade students who are entering the more difficult high school-level classes for the first time.

Bruce Boyd's "Class Act" at the State Finals and the excellent efforts of his teammate, Brian Farnan, combined with the volleyball team's second-place finish in the League (with 30 victories) while maintaining a team-record and school-record 3.65 grade point average for the season, says a lot for our athletes and coaches, as well as the direction in which our program is heading.

I have watched our basketball players sit for hours at study table this winter, working very hard at making themselves solid student-athletes, and I have seen our coaches possibly lose a game or two because they didn't play someone who wasn't doing what was expected of him or her as a representative of our school system.

All of this shows the importance of

young people getting involved in extra-curricular activities and the effect that such involvement would have on them as students and as citizens of the future.

Our band is, no doubt, the best we have heard all winter, as well as a great group of students; our cheerleaders and pompon squads were the most organized, neatly attractive, and well-disciplined of any we saw during this season; and our teams, well, what more can be said about their successes.

All in all, I hope that the people of Romulus are feeling a sense of pride in these fine student-athletes, and I hope that, if one of them is your son or daughter or neighbor or friend, you'll congratulate him/her on his/her accomplishments and thank him/her for being such a tremendous ambassador for this fine community.

I know that, as the athletic director, it sure makes me proud of them when I hear the comments that the officials and fans of other schools make to me.

Thanks for a fine season. □

RHS Students of the Month

by Dan Hurst

Thirty-seven Romulus High School students were recognized as January "Students of the Month" during a cere-

mony held on Wednesday, February 14. Each student was selected by one of his/her instructors for excelling behaviorally and academically over the course of the month. Several of these students also received \$50 U.S. savings bonds, compliments of local sponsors.

The following is a list of the January honorees and their bond sponsors. Congratulations to the "Students of the Month" and thanks to the sponsors.

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SENIOR NEWS & EVENTS

by Mary E. Clark

Special thanks are due to Sheila Hicks, Manager of the Romulus Towers senior apartments; Marilyn Masters, Senior Citizens Coordinator for the City of Romulus; and Barbara Schultz, Senior Center staff member, for contributing information to this issue's "Senior News & Events."

News from the Senior Center

Progressive Dinner a Big Success — Leaping leprechauns! What was going on at the Romulus Senior Center on Thursday, March 15? Was that really 130 senior citizens stopping by for hors d'oeuvres? Yes. And after they had devoured tables and tables of food, the group was transported in four large school buses to the Taylor Senior Center for salad, the Allen Park Senior Center for Irish Stew, and the Wyandotte Senior Center for dessert and dancing. The Progressive Dinner is an annual event put on by all four communities, and if you missed it this year, be sure you're in line in 1991 to get your ticket. A good time was had by all.

9-Pin Update — The Center's second annual 9-Pin Tap Bowling Tournament was another great success. Forty-seven senior bowlers competed for cash prizes. Prizes were awarded to: Larry Pink (752), Charles Curley (730), Dave Ries (728), and John Cunningham (717). Women's high rollers were: Mary Dilks (774), Edna Curiston (765), Dot Acker (734), Anna Hrabec (730), Helen Lack (715), and Mary Dolencic (707). Mystery Game winners were Marge Cusato, Andy Michalski, and Zeke Greene. Women's high winners were Mary Dilks and Helen Lack. Men's high winners were Larry Pink and Dave Ries.

Trips — When is the last time you went to the movies? Last month, the van took a group of seniors to see *Driving Miss Daisy*. Everyone had such a good time, and there were so many requests to do it again, that the Center will be offering a trip to see the movie

Stella on the afternoon of Thursday, March 29. Lunch will be served at the Center, and, following the movie, there will be dining at the John Glenn Culinary Arts Center in Westland. In addition to the usual \$1.50 fee for transportation, there will be an additional cost of \$6.25 per senior for the meal. The Center always provides a delicious all-you-can-eat meal, including beverages and desserts.

For those who love to shop till they drop, a trip to Wonderland Mall has been planned for Friday, March 30. Be sure to sign up for these trips at the Center before the Senior Van is filled.

Free Blood Pressure Readings — Monday, April 2, is the day set for free blood pressure readings at the Center. Come between 1 and 3 p.m. to take advantage of this service.

News from the Romulus Towers

Movie — On Wednesday, March 28, you can watch one of your favorite movies with all of your friends at 2 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room. (Let the office know what your favorite movie is!)

Welcome! — On behalf of all my neighbors at the Romulus Towers, I'd like to send a warm welcome to new residents Mary Casto and Margaret Sledge. We hope that you'll like living here in our little community.

I would also like to send a special welcome to our old friends, Verdell and Pearl Bailey, who have recently returned to the Towers. It's really good to have them back with us, and we hope that their stay with us is a pleasant one! □

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FAMILY IN DESPERATE NEED

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tary School — all Romulus residents, just like La Toya Jones.

Help came around when the church that La Toya's parents attend sent a letter to Sharon Popek, a first-grade teacher at Wick School. Sharon took the bull by the horns, and got with the staff at Wick and formed a La Toya Jones Week. Each day of the week focused on a different activity to raise money.

La Toya's brother got involved with the contests just like the rest of the kids. There were T-shirt days, mix-up days (where the kids and teachers alike wore their shirts backwards, used hankies for ties, etc.), and more. It all turned into a real contest before it was over. Cannisters were placed around the school for the kids and teachers to drop their spare change into, and many of the kids even gave their lunch money, or bought only one pencil instead of two or three, just to be able to give a little bit extra. In one contest, the grade that collected the most money got an extra day of gym thanks to Bill Cuhran, the gym teacher. (The third-grade class won that one, with the help of their teacher,

Mary Albus.)

The PTO raised \$200, the teachers raised \$229, and the kids in school, plus their parents and grandparents, finished it off with \$626, making a grand total of \$1,055. Not too shabby for a bunch of kids, teachers, parents, and grandparents, wouldn't you say?

Another fund raiser was held at the Hilton Inn in Romulus by the Bethany Apostolic Faith Church, which raised an additional \$2,056. (Much of the cost of the fund raiser was taken care of by the Hilton's management.)

The Jones family is very thankful for the kindness shown to them by the students and staff at Wick Elementary, the members of the Bethany Apostolic Faith Church, and the management of the Hilton Inn. Still, they are a very long way from the amount of money that they need just to keep the rest of the family eating and running back and forth to the hospital.

Mr. Jones is in desperate need of transportation so that he can go back and forth to work if he is called back, and the company has said that it would call him back if he had transportation. He can't afford a car.

This family is rather young to be having all of these problems. The mother, Raye Jones, is only 22 years old; the father, Lamont Jones, is only 25; Jerome Jones is seven; Lakiesha is only four; and, naturally, La Toya is 13 months old.

I remember many times that this community has turned out in great numbers and with a large amount of money to help other needy families. Think we can do it again?

Look at the picture accompanying this article. What has happened to this little girl was a quirk of fate. She could just as easily have been your child. Think about it. If you decide that you would like to help, send your check or money order to: Fund for La Toya, P.O. Box 464,

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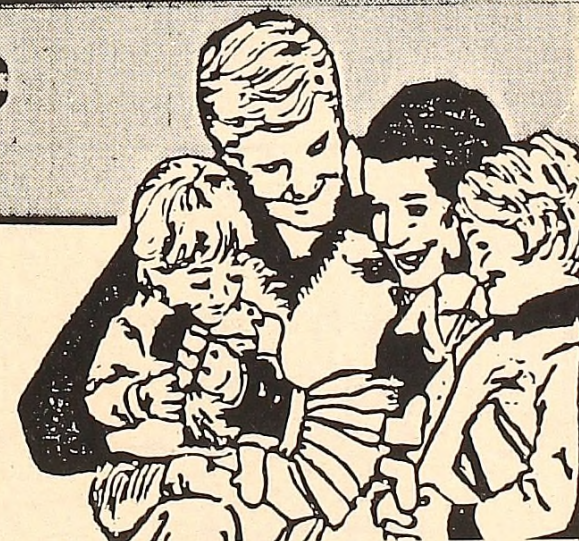
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Special Events for March

The following special events are scheduled for this month:

- California Achievement Test Begins (3/26)

Coming Events at Halecreek Elementary

- "Reptiles Are Cool" Display (3/28; 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.)
- Last Day of Third Marking Period (3/30)

Weekly Activities

And don't forget about these regularly scheduled events:

Mondays

- Romulus Recreation Program (2:45 to 4:45 p.m.; Gym; third and fourth grades; basketball; fee)
- Cub Scouts Den #4 (2:45 to 3:45 p.m.; Art Room)
- Webelos (4 to 5:30 p.m.; Art Room)
- Karate (5:45 to 8:15 p.m.; Cafeteria)
- Jazzercise (6:30 to 7:30 p.m.; Gym)

Tuesdays

- Romulus Recreation Program (2:45 to 4:45 p.m.; Gym; fifth and sixth grades; basketball; fee)
- Boys & Girls Bible Club (2:45 to 4 p.m.; Music Room)
- Brownie Troop #174 (2:45 to 4:15 p.m.; Cafeteria)
- Girl Scout Troop #215 (6:30 to 8 p.m.; Cafeteria)
- Belly Dancing (6:30 to 8:30 p.m.; Gym)
- Tiger Group #1739 (7 to 8:30 p.m.; Art Room)
- Cub Scout Pack #1739 (7 to 9 p.m.; Library; third Tuesday of the month)
- Boy Scout Troop #1739 (6:30 to 8 p.m.; Music Room)

Wednesdays

- Romulus Recreation Program (2:45 to 4:45 p.m.; Gym; third and fourth grades; basketball; fee)
- Webelos Den #1 (4 to 5:30 p.m.; Art Room)
- Cub Scouts Den #5 (5:30 to 6:30 p.m.; Art Room)
- Jazzercise (6:30 to 7:30 p.m.; Gym)

Thursdays

- Romulus Recreation Program (2:45 to 4:45 p.m.; Gym; fifth and sixth grades; basketball; fee)
- Girl Scouts (2:45 to 4:15 p.m.; Art Room)
- St. Aloysius Basketball Group (5:30 to 8:30 p.m.; Gym)

- Cub Scout Pack #1739 (6 to 9 p.m.; Cafeteria; last Thursday of the month)
- Daisy Girl Scouts (6 to 7 p.m.; Cafeteria)

Fridays

- St. Aloysius Basketball Group (5:30 to 8:30 p.m.; Gym) □

Bowhunter League

The Spring Bowhunting League is now forming, and new archers are welcome. Bowhunters will be available to show good shooting form and share their experience and knowledge. Big game targets and scorecards will be provided.

The group will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesdays at Elmer Johnson Park (southeast of Wick and Wayne roads), beginning April 4 and continuing on through May 23. One game will be shot each week (rain or shine) consisting of three arrows at 16 stations. The cost is \$20 per archer (make checks payable to the treasurer, Dean Woodfield). Please bring a scoring pen and six arrows.

Preregistration is recommended. Applications are available at Springer Archery and the Romulus Recreation Department. For more information, call Frank Farkas at 941-5531.

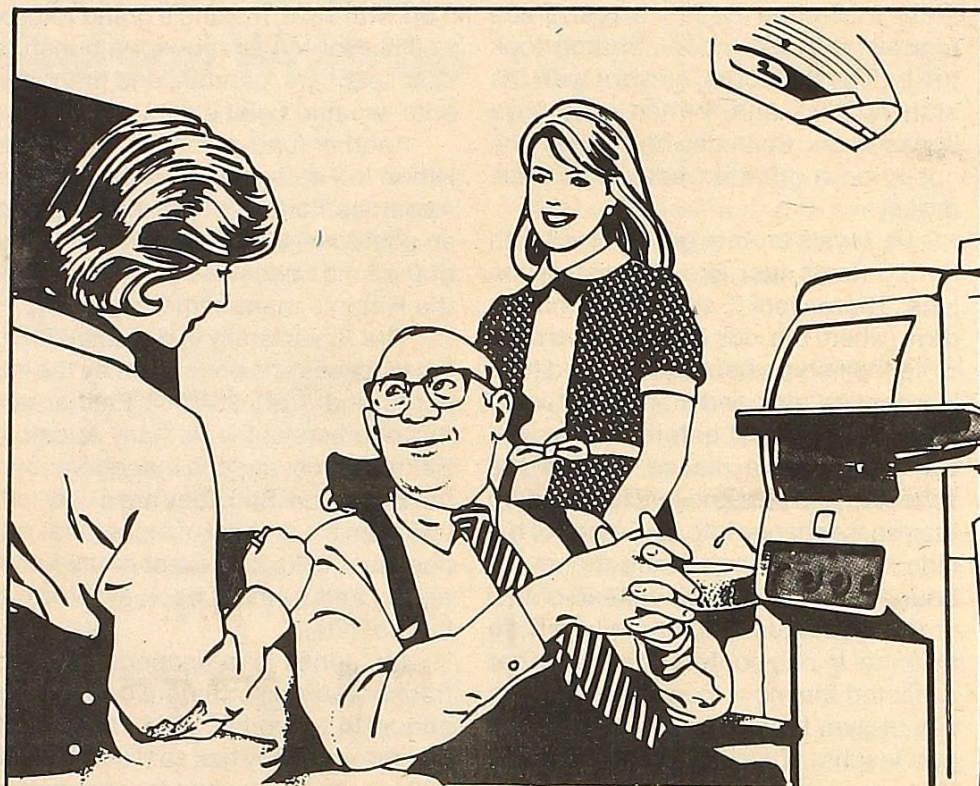
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Romulus, MI 48174. The money is picked up daily and transported to Security Bank.

(Editor's Note: Since the fund raiser at the Hilton, there has been a tremendous number of prayers said for La Toya, according to her grandmother. Since then, the doctors now say that there is a very slight chance that La Toya can survive if she gets the liver transplant soon enough.) □

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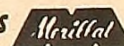
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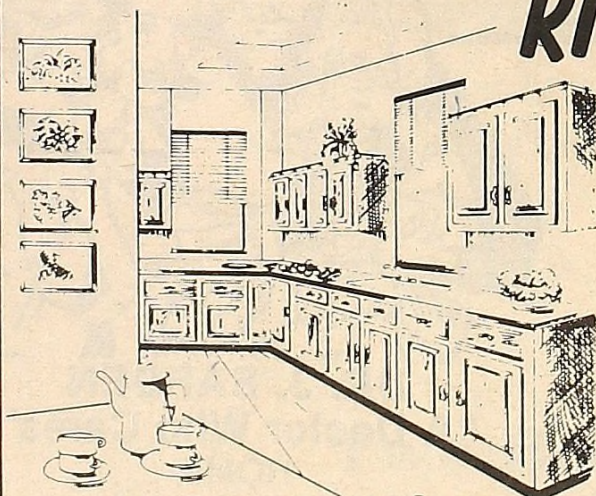
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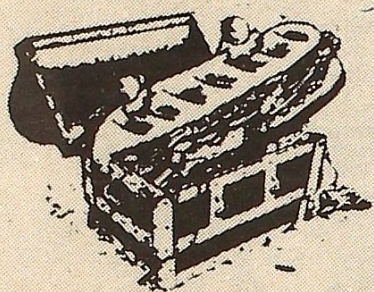
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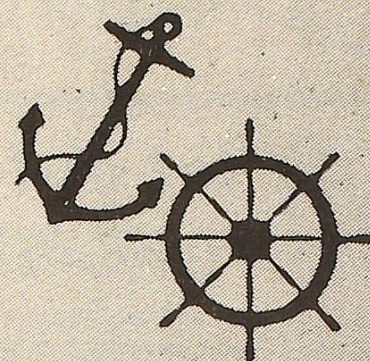
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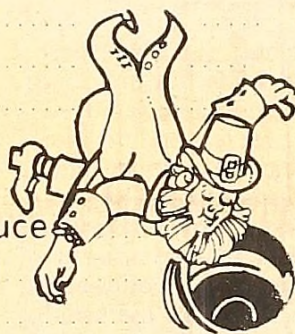
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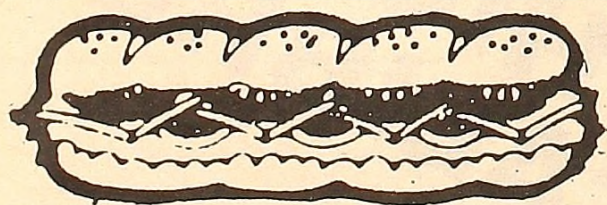
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Don't let outdoor hazards spoil your springtime fun

With spring here and the weather warming, our thoughts naturally turn to outdoor fun. But the outdoors poses many natural hazards that can put us on the sidelines during the warm-weather months.

Injuries and complications resulting from outdoor activities — everything from skin rashes to insect bites — can be aggravating. Some are even dangerous. Taking safety precautions and making sure you know what to do in case of injury will ensure that you are able to enjoy the spring season.

One of the most important things you should do is familiarize yourself with poisonous plants. Poison ivy, for example, grows on a vine or shrub and has leaves of three leaflets with clusters of ivory berries. Because poison ivy causes severe skin inflammation on contact, care should be taken to avoid this plant. Wear long pants, socks and shoes when walking through wooded areas. When skin comes in contact with the leaves or branches of the plant, a blistering, itchy rash is triggered within hours after exposure, and the rash can spread rapidly to other parts of the body.

If you are exposed to poison ivy — or other poisonous plants such as poison oak or poison sumac — remove your clothing and thoroughly wash your skin with soap and water. Also wash your clothing. Cool, wet compresses are soothing, and calamine lotion and antihistamines, available in your local drugstore, may be used to relieve itching. Resist the temptation to scratch, as this can spread the rash. In cases of severe swelling, consult your physician.

Itching and swelling also are caused by insect bites and stings. If you suffer from an insect bite or bee sting, your pharmacist can recommend items from the local drugstore to provide relief.

Rubbing alcohol and calamine lotion can minimize itching, pain and swelling. Scratching an insect bite or sting can cause infection. In the case of a honeybee sting, gently remove the stinger from the center of the sting.

Be alert for symptoms such as vomiting, headache, difficulty breathing, dizziness and extreme swelling, which can indicate a life-threatening allergic reaction. If any of these conditions occur, contact your doctor immediately.

One insect that can be particularly harmful is the tick, because its bite can cause illnesses such as Lyme disease. Ticks are usually picked up in backyards or parks and can be brought indoors by pets. To avoid picking up ticks while you are outside, wear clothing that fits tightly at the wrists, ankles and waist. Shampoo pets regularly in spring and summer with a soap formulated to kill ticks.

Because tick bites are painless, a thorough inspection of the body is the only way to locate one. The bite usually first appears as a red dot the size of a pin head. The tick should be removed immediately with tweezers and the bite area should be cleansed with an antiseptic from your drug store. The first signs of Lyme disease include flu-like symptoms and a red bulls-eye rash surrounding the bite area. Antibiotics and anti-inflammatory drugs are the usual course of treatment.

Most of us look forward to spring every year. By remembering these simple precautions, and always consulting your pharmacist and doctor at the first sign of trouble, you'll be able to enjoy all of your outdoor activities.

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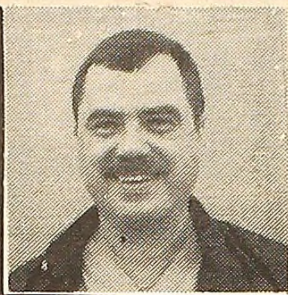
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Watch the Birdie!

After years of idling my bones and, more or less, going to seed, I recently decided to take up a hobby. From now on, folks, my major life-goal is to become a world-class bird watcher. Yup, enough of slouching, munching, and worshipping the TV; and enough of sitting for hours working on my cat imitations. Soon, I'll be heading for the woodlands with my old high school trumpet (which I'll use, naturally, to flush out little birdies so that I can watch them jet away).

Of course, one doesn't just get up one day and go birding. There are preparations to make, things to be bought, calls to be made, next-of-kin to be notified. My close friend, Jay Sparrowhawk, has been birding for several years; I called him for advice.

"Jay, old buddy, what the heck do I need, besides my old trumpet, to become a skilled and admired bird watcher?"

"Who is this?" he asked. I told him.

"Okay, Tom, but what's this about a trumpet?"

Well, this caught me somewhat off guard, as with all his birding experience, plus being in the high school band, I figured that Jay would also be using a trumpet. After momentarily gathering my wits, I explained how I was going to use my trumpet.

"Hmmm, I see. . . That sounds like one of your better ideas, Tom. But, you know, I'm thinking if a trumpet's good, how about a tuba? You could really blast those little birds, then."

It was a great idea; why hadn't I thought of it? That was set. . . I'd buy a tuba. Then, I pressed Jay for more birding information.

"Well, if you're really serious about birdwatching, I think it might be a good idea to buy some binoculars."

"OF COURSE! BINOCULARS!" I cried. Good old Jay; I knew he could help. He then told me the optimum magnifying power of good birding binocs. Heck, he even gave me directions to a binocular specialty store. Thanking him, he gave me one last tidbit of advice: buy a red tuba in case I got lost in the woods. Again, of course!

Later that day, I confidently strode into Benny's Binocular Boutique & Soda Jerk School. After browsing a bit, however, I concluded that all of Benny's binocs were too powerful for my needs. About to leave, I noticed a guy coming my way, sucking down an ice cream soda. . . Must be Benny, himself, I thought.

"Yo, I'm Benny. Whatta ya need, sonny?"

Well, Mr. Benny, I was going to buy some binoculars for bird watching, but

yours all seem to be too powerful, sir. . . Sorry."

"Too powerful, huh?" Suddenly, pointing to the rear wall, he asked, "See that pair over there, by those hidden magazines?"

"Yes, sir!"

"If you know how to, put 'em on."

If I know how to? I started to anger; who did he think he was dealing with, here . . . some kind of a jerk? I got the binocs. Then, with the darn strap getting tangled in my hair, I walked back to Benny.

"Okay," he said. "See that apartment building across the street? Focus on the third floor window with the red shutters. Got it?"

GOT IT! "Yes sir, Mr. Benny, sir! If it's okay, I want these!"

Benny grinned and took my money. Then, though I'm not sure why, he asked if I'd ever considered becoming a soda jerk.

"No, but I'll surely think about it, sir," I answered.

"Good, sonny, I think you'd be a natural."

So, finally, I had my binocs, and was ready for some darn serious birding. As it turned out, though, I don't do as much bird watching as I thought I would. Instead, for some inexplicable reason, I find myself hanging out at Mr. Benny's Boutique a lot. Probably has something to do with Soda Jerk School, or something. □

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would have been explored in your story, the futility that we are left with from seeking worldly solutions to our problems would not have existed.

I would, as well would the entire Christian community, rather read stories of how we, as Americans, turned our despondency into joy and bettered our lives with all of the avenues available to *continued on page 12*



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The ROTC group from Romulus High School recently competed in the Great Lakes Invitational Drill Meet at Central Michigan University, earning trophies in two of the four categories in which they entered.

One of those trophies went to Ensign Terrance Dupree, who took first

place in the Exhibition-Individuals category. The other, taken by Commander Lieutenant Tinna Biro, Ensign Terrance Dupree, Lieutenant Dan Wood, Lieutenant John Choate, Second Class Petty Officer Jack DeRosier, and First Class Petty Officers Charles Cox and Damon Melchor, was for second place in the Exhibition-Squad competition.

The group will also compete in drill meets in Springfield, Ohio (March 24) and Bowling Green, Ohio (March 31). □

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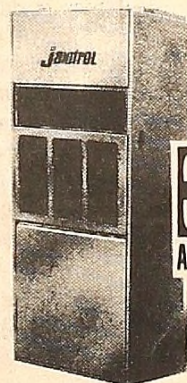
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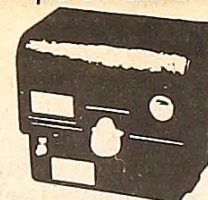
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Community Calendar

Children's Easter Activities — The Romulus Recreation Department will have a couple of special activities for our community's youngsters this Easter. For younger children (ages three to eight), a free Easter Egg Hunt will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, April 14, at the carnival grounds behind the Recreation Building (36515 Bibbins). Older children (ages eight to 14) can go on a trip to the Detroit Science Center (where an exhibit on superheroes is being featured) on Thursday, April 19. The bus will leave the Recreation Building at 12:15 p.m. and return at approximately 4:45 p.m. Those interested in the Science Center trip should register (by 12 p.m. Thursday, April 19) at the Recreation Building. A \$4 trip fee must be paid at that time.

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Enrollment at St. Aloysius — Registration for new students will be accepted during the week of March 26. For further information, please call the School office — 941-3340.

Foster and Adoptive Parent Support Group — The Southwest Chapter-Area 10 Foster and Adoptive Parent Support Group meets from 7 to 9 p.m. at Faith Christian Center (25535 Ecorse Road, Taylor) on the third Monday of each month. Foster parents, adoptive parents, caseworkers, and others are welcome to attend. Credit hours can be earned, and there is no fee for training. For more information, please call Linda Slade, President, at 295-3692.

National Health Federation — The local chapter of the National Health Federation meets at 7 p.m. in Room 109 of the Romulus High School (9650 Wayne Road) on the first Tuesday of every month. For more information, call the In-Balance Center at 941-8778.

Romulus Adolescent Health Center Council — The RAHCC meets at 2:30 p.m. in the library at Romulus High School (9650 Wayne Road) on the second and fourth Thursday of every month. These meetings are open to the public. Please call 941-2170, ext. 26, for more information.

Romulus Arts Council — The Romulus Arts Council meets at 7:30 p.m. at Romulus City Hall (11111 Wayne Road) on the third Monday of each month. For information, call 941-0476.

Romulus Cable Commission — The Cable Commission meets at 7 p.m. at Romulus City Hall (11111 Wayne Road) on the second Tuesday of every month.

Romulus City Council — The Romulus City Council meets at 7:30 p.m. at City Hall (11111 Wayne Road) on the first, second, and fourth Mondays of each month. (Some meetings do not follow this schedule because of holidays. For more information, contact Linda Choate, City Clerk, at 942-7540.)

Romulus Community Schools Board of Education — The Romulus Board of Education meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Office (36540 Grant Road) on the second and fourth Mondays of each month. For more information, call 941-1600.

Romulus Community Schools Sporting Events — Watch for future sporting events in the "School Sports" column, or contact Fred Coleman, Athletic Director, at 941-3414.

Romulus Democratic Club — The Romulus Democratic Club meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Romulus VFW building (on Huron River Drive east of Hannan Road) on the third Tuesday of every month. New members are welcome. For more information, please call Club Chairman Jim Napiorkowski at 941-5412.

Romulus Historical Society — The Romulus Historical Society meets at 7 p.m. at the Romulus Public Library (11121 Wayne Road) on the third Wednesday of every month. All members of the community are welcome to attend. For more information, call Pearl Varner, Romulus Historical Society President, at 697-9628.

Romulus Horseman's Association — The Romulus Horseman's Association meets at 7:30 p.m. at Romulus City Hall (11111 Wayne Road) on the third Wednesday of every month.

Romulus Kiwanis Club Dinner Meeting — Mr. Harry A. Ion, an International Profit Improvement Management Consultant and Founding Principal of AHADS R. S., will speak on "The Value of Harness Racing to the Local Business Community" at the Romulus Kiwanis Club Dinner Meeting at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, March 28, at the Community United Methodist Church (on the corner of Olive and Biddle streets). The highlight of the program will be a short "Video Introduction to Harness Racing" by former U of M Athletic Director Don Canham.

Mr. Ion, a 1949 graduate of Romulus High School and the captain of the 1948 Huron League Championship football team, has a Bachelor's Degree in Mathematics from Eastern Michigan University (1963) and a Master's Degree in Group Communications from the University of Michigan (1965).

Romulus Public Library — The Romulus Public Library (11121 Wayne Road) currently is following its Winter Schedule, and will be open during the following hours: Mondays and Tuesdays from 12 to 8 p.m., Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturdays from 12 to 5 p.m. For more information on the Library and its programs and resources, call 942-7589.

Romulus Recreation Department — Watch for activity updates in the "Rec News" column, or call the Recreation Department at 942-6852.

Romulus Right-to-Life — The Romulus Right-to-Life group meets at 7:30 p.m. at Romulus City Hall (11111 Wayne Road) on the second Thursday of every month. New members are welcome!

Romulus Rovers — Join the fastest-growing club in town — the Romulus Rovers Walking Club. All ages are welcome to participate. For information on membership and walks, please call 941-2215.

Romulus Senior Center — Watch for activity updates in the "Senior News & Events" column, or call the Center at 942-6852.

Southern-style Breakfast — Everyone is welcome to come and have a Southern-style Breakfast at the Masonic Temple in Belleville from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the first Sunday of every month. Admission is only \$3.50 for adults, \$3 for seniors, and \$2.50 for children.

VFW Ladies Auxiliary — The Ladies Auxiliary of the Romulus Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 9568 (39270 Huron River Drive) is extending a cordial invitation to all ladies who wish to join this worthwhile organization, which meets at 7:30 p.m. on the third Thursday of every month. For further information, call Pat Corpe at 941-6176 or Nellie Fortner at 697-8230.

For information about upcoming art exhibits, plays, concerts, festivals, professional sporting events, and other activities in the Detroit Metropolitan Area, call the "What's Line" at 298-6262 for a pre-recorded message.

To place information in the "Community Calendar," please call 941-3113.

Ask



Dr. Pearle

Dr. Stanley Pearle answers
your questions about Eye Care.

Dear Dr. Pearle: I enjoy spending time outdoors in the summer, but I'm worried about the sun's rays harming my eyes. Do sunglasses offer enough protection?

While ordinary sunglasses may make your eyes feel more comfortable by cutting down on bright light, they don't necessarily protect your eyes from the sun's damaging ultraviolet (UV) rays. In fact, since sunglasses allow the pupil to relax and let in more light, the wrong kind of sunglass lenses can pose an even greater risk than not wearing sunglasses at all.

The same UV rays that lead to sunburn and skin cancer can damage the retina, too. UV rays are responsible for about 10 percent of cataracts and other serious eye disorders.

Plan ahead for fun in the sun. Look for sunglasses that block out 99 to 100 percent of the sun's harmful rays. Not only will this help prevent damage, it can also reduce eyestrain and the discomfort caused by light sensitivity and glare.

Ask your eyecare professional about protective coatings that can be easily applied to both sunglasses and regular prescription glasses for those times when you don't wear sunglasses.

As an added safeguard, choose sunglasses with a green or gray tint — these do the best job of blocking light. Fishing or sailing enthusiasts will prefer a yellow tint which cuts water glare.

One final tip: If you can, plan outdoor activities for early or late in the day: More than 50 percent of solar UV radiation occurs between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

Dear Dr. Pearle: My daughter and her friends often use each other's makeup — even mascara. I don't think this is a good idea ... is it?

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us — including the never failing Christians that are willing to extend that loving and helpful hand, even when the government seems to fail us.

I would enjoy seeing an issue of your paper print the various Christian outlets that are available to the needs

Definitely not. Eye makeup should never be used by more than one person; otherwise, there's a risk of passing harmful bacteria from one person to the next. And that can lead to serious eye problems like irritation or infection.

Encourage your daughter to establish healthy makeup habits early. Here are a few recommendations:

- Use only fresh makeup. Old makeup can invite bacteria, and that can cause problems. Toss out mascara that's more than six months old, and sharpen eye pencils frequently to keep them clean.

- If makeup develops a strange odor or color, throw it away.

- Wash applicators such as sponges or brushes often with a mild soap. Rinse well and let them air dry.

of the people in this community. We, as Christians, are a very real part of this community and it is appalling that we are the forgotten ones when it comes to turning for help. Christians have rallied to the needs of society for thousands of years and, with God's help, we'll continue to be there for the needs of society — twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week.

I don't know the religious perspective of your paper, but I would very much enjoy seeing my letter of concern printed with some of the local Christian organizations available to the community. Some assistance to your guide in this search could be gained from radio station WMUZ, especially on the afternoon broadcast of "Talk from the Heart" with Al Cresta.

Your attention to this topic was fully appreciated, but follow-up is a very necessary step. I pray that by reading this letter you will not feel compelled to discard it and the valuable information it provides the community. Your assistance in this matter will be appreciated, not only by the Christian community, but by those who have a crisis in their lives between the hours of 6 p.m. and 8:30 a.m. I thank you for taking the time to read this letter of concern.

Respectfully,
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Three Schools Compete in Basketball Tournament

During the past week, three Romulus elementary schools (Barth, Cory, and Wick) were entered into a basketball tournament that was sponsored by the Garden City Recreation Department.

In the first pairings were two Romulus teams, Barth and Cory. They fought it out to the last whistle, with Cory finally emerging as the victor, 52 to 50.

In the final outcome of the tournament, Cory took second place and Barth finished in third place.

Adult Softball

Teams for Adult Softball are currently being organized into leagues. Any individuals who would like to join a team may call the Recreation Department and leave their name and telephone number. The Recreation Department will turn this information over to those managers who still need more players.

Parent/Child Bowling has been set for 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 21, at the Romulus bowling alley. The \$13-per-couple entry fee includes bowling, pop, pizza, mystery games, bowling for dollars, and prizes. Registrations will be accepted at the bowling alley on a first-come, first-served basis; entry fees must be paid at registration.

Parent/Child Bowling

Adult 9-pin Bowling has been scheduled for 9:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 24, at the Romulus bowling alley. The \$17-per-couple entry fee includes bowling, pizza, and jackpots. Registrations will be accepted at the bowling alley on a first-come, first-served basis; entry fees must be paid at registration.

Adult 9-pin Bowling

Adult Scotch Doubles Bowling has been scheduled for 9:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 28, at the Romulus bowling alley. The \$17-per-couple entry fee includes bowling, pizza, and jackpots.

Adult Scotch Doubles

Registrations will be accepted at the bowling alley on a first-come, first-served basis; entry fees must be paid at registration.

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Saturday Recreation

Free recreation programs are scheduled for Saturdays at Halecreek and Wick schools. Elementary-age students may attend from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.; junior-high and senior-high students may attend from 2 to 4 p.m. (Junior- and senior-high students will not be admitted without their Romulus school I.D. card.) There is no need to preregister. (This program will run each Saturday until Easter break.)

Open Volleyball and Basketball

Both Open Basketball and Open Volleyball programs are held weekly at the North Junior High. The Volleyball program, a co-ed event for ages 18 and up, is set for Mondays from 6:30 to 9 p.m.; Open Basketball, on Thursdays, will be scheduled from 5 to 7 p.m. for teens (there is a 75-cent fee per evening) and from 7 to 9 p.m. for adult men (for a \$1-per-evening fee). These programs will continue after Easter break only if participation warrants.

Story-time at the Library

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Obituaries

Anna M. Kochanoski

Anna M. Kochanoski of Romulus died March 4, 1990, at the age of 73.

Anna, the beloved wife of Stanley A. Kochanoski and the dear mother of Mrs. Patricia Ann Edgecomb (of Boyne Falls), Joseph R. Kochanoski (of Romulus), Robert Kochanoski (of Melbourne, FL), and Richard J. Kochanoski (of Garden City), is also survived by nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, March 7, at St. Stephens Catholic Church-New Boston, with Fr. Alexander Wytrwal officiating. Michigan Memorial Park (Flat Rock) was the interment site.

Memorials may be made to the charity of one's choice.

Vernon C. Moore

Vernon C. Moore of Huron Township died March 5, 1990, at the age of 53.

Vernon was the beloved husband of Edna T. (Nitta) Moore and the dear father of Brian C. Moore, Mrs. Brian (Diane M.) Scarborough, and Mrs. Edwin (Linda K.) Henson (all of Huron Township). He is also survived by two brothers, George W. and Wilbur Paul Moore (both of Huron Township); one sister, Mrs. Marjorie E. Painter (of Westland); and two grandchildren.

Vernon, an employee of the Ford Motor Company-Woodhaven Stamping Plant and a former New Boston police officer, was a member of the Huron Sportsman Club, UAW Local #387, the Huron Valley Steelheaders, the New Boston Rotary, the Trenton Eagles Club, and the Democratic Club, and was the Chairman of the Huron Township Recreation Committee. He was also a former New Boston Jaycee and Cub Scout Master for Den #357, and was the former Chairman of the Huron Township Centennial (1967).

Funeral services were held Thursday, March 8, at Crane Funeral Home (36885 Goddard Road, Romulus), with Rev. Robert Allmann of St. Paul's Lutheran Church (New Boston) officiating. Michigan Memorial Park in Flat Rock was the site of interment.

Memorials may be made to the University of Michigan Cardiac Intensive Care Unit. □

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Jarmo Ake	Nikki Kappen	Kristi McLenon	Angela Salmons
Amy Anderson	Nicolay Kristiansen	Estelle McWilson	Tiphaine Stepchuk
Tinna Biro	Valerie Kurtinitis	Amran Mukarram	Christine Stratton
Krystal Brown	Tonya Longmire	Juan Rivera	Rebecca Szente
Harold Gregory	Christine Martell	Martina Rock	Rachelle Tabor
Susan Hamel	Yvette Mason	Tamara Rosinski	Donna Terrell
Christina Hill			

REGULAR HONOR ROLL (3.0 to 3.49) — GRADE 12

Douglas Allen	David Gehringer	Circe McDowell	Jon Sharp
Rebecca Bales	Eugene Haney	Kelly Miller	Sheila Suchan
Lakeisha Bowers	Lakeisha Heard	Scott Murawski	Jennifer Tabbs
Lynnette Cain	Mark Hoinka	Jeremy Nabors	Nicole Thomas
Marvin Carr	Robert Hoth	Tammy Nieman	Crystal Thompson
Denise Chafins	Donyale Hubbard	Yvonne Parson	Tara Tyus
Shawn Davis	Dawn Jackson	Teri Rea	Jeffery Warner
Jennifer Donaldson	Tammy Kappen	Kimberly Roach	Laura Wasvary
Brian Farnan	Monique Kowalski	Kimberly Seabolt	Angelique Winans
Christine Fortune	Daniel Lester	Michael Shahan	Elaine Wood

PRINCIPAL'S HONOR ROLL (3.5 to 4.0) — GRADE 11

Patreece Amos	Joan Dubanik	Kimberly Malgay	Angela Slawinski
Aaron Anderson	Brian Ellison	Jennifer McGraw	Eben Smith
Melissa Avery	Hattie Forbes	Torrey Mills	Melanie Sundquist
Renee Bitner	Andrew French	Susan Molenda	Dennis Tessin
Karla Black	Benjamin Good	Erin Newland	Malina Tolbert
Bonnie Boyd	Raymond Good	Heather Palmer	Jamie Trailer
Stacie Brown	Michele Haines	Richard Panek	Christopher Vavro
James Christie	Steven Hockett	Liza Pooley	Trudy Villarreal
Shawn Cofield	Jennifer Holtschlag	Tameca Robertson	Lisa Watson
Shila Cofield	Angela Hopewell	Yolanda Rupert	Jeri White
April Coleman	Patricia Imielowski	Michele Scarrow	Danielle Winston
Jennifer Daniel	Kimberly Lewis		

REGULAR HONOR ROLL (3.0 to 3.49) — GRADE 11

Tammy Allen	Denise Forsyth	Jeffrey Kuehnle	Jason Roy
Cari Arble	Stacy Foust	Alisa Landers	Heather Siemaszko
Michael Bergeron	Michelle Godard	Kristy Manson	Kenneth Singleton
Timothy Blanke	Victoria Hamilton	Jeannette Michon	Sherwin Springer
Jermaine Bradley	Brooke Hammers	Kari Pishlo	Nicole Stoyloff
Lisa Brooks	Nathan Henning	Mark Pyenta	Shannon Stuart
Brian Crain	Kimberly Hopewell	Christina Rivest	Tammy Trubilowicz
Laura Creith	Wendy Hopper	Richard Rogala	Trisha Vargo
Richard Evans	Heaven Jackson		

PRINCIPAL'S HONOR ROLL (3.5 to 4.0) — GRADE 10

Sue Arquette	Yolanda Hullum	Tina Koivisto	Gretchen Pomnitz
Genesis Barnes	Andrea Johnson	Paula McClellan	Rory Rangel
Melissa Boyer	Melanie Johnson	Jenny McClure	Sherri Rocha
Heidi Bussard	Tearza Johnson	Jennifer Mientkiewicz	Rebecca Schultz
Rachel Byard	Jessica Kent	Angalec Moore	Laurie Sperry
Alison Cope	Amanda Kesner	Michelle Mullins	Marci Tomchick
Linda Ditsch	Lisa Kochanski	Liza Parker	Christina Zablocki
Amy Grishaber			

REGULAR HONOR ROLL (3.0 to 3.49) — GRADE 10

Kimberly Adamski	Tammie Gooch	David McGinnis	Jana Seniff
Leah Aggison	Steven Hayes	Bonita McMullen	Jonelle Sharp
Lakeesha Allen	Angela Hollis	Kimberly Molloy	Mack Stillwagon
Karleton Bingham	Tracey Johnson	Allyne Moton	Carrie Testa
Jennifer Cooley	Edwin Kerr	Steven Odell	Darrell Wanamaker
Edward Daughenbaugh	Muhammad Khalifa	April Patterson	Angelic Williams
Renee Donathan	Michelle King	Melanie Patterson	Timothy Wilson
Adrian Feather	Richard Liberty	Todd Robinson	Steven Yates
Dale Gehringer	Dakewah McCord	Katrina Roscoe	William Zienczyk
Melissa Golembiewski	Suzanne McFall	Michael Scully	Stacie Zilka

PRINCIPAL'S HONOR ROLL (3.5 to 4.0) — GRADE 9

Kathleen Adams	Dontia Clark	Robert Graham	Pranav Patel
Michelle Allen	Maria Deleon	Missy Griffith	Christy Raupp
Tonya Allen	Jonathan Devereaux	Michael Grube	Petrina Sewell
Melissa Atherton	Sharon Dowdy	Tracy Holtschlag	Talia Tripp
Michael Barwikowski	Robert Engle	Susan Kreft	Deborah Whalen
Andrea Brown	Erin Fife	Brian Molenda	Georgette Wiginton
Veda Brown			

REGULAR HONOR ROLL (3.0 to 3.49) — GRADE 9

Michael Anderson	Jack Derosier	Emily Kesner	Susan Pearce
Danielle Arnes	Kimberly Donaldson	Monica Kilburn	Juanita Piazza
Robert Barley	Dawn Drysdale	Patricia Kuehnle	Marty Rice
Erica Bennett	Joel Elam	Melanie Lively	Richard Schwartz
Robert Bergeron	Cari Genaw	Tanya Logan	Chavis Thomas
Jeffrey Booker	Leon Greenwade	Lakeisha Love	William Thomas
Carey Brazynetz	Melissa Griffith	Laura Madison	Robb Thompson
Cathleen Brown	Michele Habicht	Barbara Markowski	Mara Tolbert
Felton Bush	Doreen Hein	Renea Martell	Stephanie Webb
Rochelle Campbell	Yolanda Holliday	James Moore	Shannon Wood
Ronald Carpenter	Jill Howard	Tera Morrison	Cheryl Young
Rachel Cook	Tanya Jackson	Eric Newcomb	Ronald Yount
Ryan Darnell	Dena Jenkins	Sara Palmer	Diane Zemke
Lakesha Davis			

ROMULUS COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

36540 Grant Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174

REGULAR MEETING, FEBRUARY 12, 1990

The Regular Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held Monday, February 12, 1990, was called to order by President Berlinn at 7:32 P.M.

Roll call showed Member Wilkerson absent (excused). Administrator Bedell was absent (excused).

Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Berlinn.

Approval of Agenda:

The following Agenda changes were recommended: Under Report of the Superintendent add Item K. 1. "February 26" and move Item C. to Item N. 1. "Exclusion of Student".

2/90/1 Moved by Langley supported by King the Board approve the Agenda as amended. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings:

2/90/2 Moved by Patterson supported by King the Board approve the Minutes of January 22, 1990, as amended below. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Correction**Surplus Vehicles**

1/90/21 Moved by Bales supported by Patterson the Board of Education declare vehicle #48A surplus and authorize the business office to offer it for sale. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Communications and Expressions from the Public:

Anne Reynolds, a teacher at Halecreek, addressed the Board on lack of contract.

Mrs. Powers, a teacher and President of teachers' union, spoke on lack of agreement.

Report of the Superintendent:**Personnel Actions**

There were no Personnel Actions at tonight's meeting.

Bills for Payment

2/90/3 Moved by King supported by Patterson the Board approve the Bills for Payment as recommended by Administrator Carr. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Channel One Proposal

2/90/4 Moved by Patterson supported by Langley the Board approve participation in the Educational Network of Whittle Communications and authorize entering into a three year agreement for same. Ayes: 4. Nays: 2 (Bales, Kesner). Motion carried.

Tax Anticipation Note

2/90/5 Moved by Bales supported by Kesner the Board adopt the resolution to borrow \$3,600,000 in anticipation of our 1990 tax collection. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Permission to Bid Vehicles

2/90/6 Moved by Bales supported by King the Board accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee to advertise bids for: 6 - 65 passenger buses; 1 - 48 passenger bus; 1 - wheelchair passenger bus; 2 - 36 passenger buses; and 2 - 4x4 pickup trucks. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

High School Field Trip — American History

2/90/7 Moved by Bales supported by Patterson the Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve a field trip for advanced American History students to Orlando, Florida as per the memo dated 1/16/90. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Revised Agreement — Metropolitan Education Commission

2/90/8 Moved by Patterson supported by Langley the Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the Revised Inter Local Agreement between the Romulus Community Schools and the Metropolitan Education Commission as outlined in the September 13, 1989, minutes of the Commission, Section V. (as presented). Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Discussion of T. I. F. A. Meeting

Joel Carr, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations, made a report on meeting with City officials on T. I. F. A. projects.

Discussion of "Visionary Planning"

No action was taken on this item.

February 26

2/90/9 Moved by Bales supported by Kesner the Regular Board meeting scheduled for February 26, 1990, be cancelled. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Congratulations to Junior High Band

2/90/10 Moved by Kesner supported by Langley the Board extend congratulations to Mr. Richard Kruse and all 84 band students who earned a total of 133 medals and the entire band for its high ratings at the recent District XII Solo and Ensemble Festival. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Items of Interest from the Superintendent

Dr. Bedell earlier submitted the following Items of Interest for Board Members' information: 1) "Thank You" — Paras; 2) Cable T.V. — Domas Update; 3) Teen Health Center Brochure; 4) Congressman Ford Memo — Census; 5) "Thank You" — Eagle Scout and Lynne; 6) Black History Month Memo; 7) BUFFS Letter — February 1, 1990; 8) Finance Minutes; 9) Letter of Thanks — Wick P. T. O.; and 10) Letter of Appointment to TIFA — Patterson.

Questions and/or Concerns of Board Members

There were no questions and/or concerns of Board Members this evening.

Executive Session — Negotiations

2/90/11 Moved by Bales supported by King the Board convene in Executive Session for purpose of Negotiations. Roll call vote showed: Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The meeting convened in Executive Session at 8:21 P.M. and reconvened in Regular Session at 8:43 P.M.

Exclusion of Student

2/90/12 Moved by Langley supported by King the Board accept the recommendation of the District Hearing Panel and exclude Dante Carey permanently from the Romulus High School day program based on the resolution presented. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried. (Attached resolution read aloud into records by Board Secretary.)

Adjournment:

2/90/13 Moved by Bales supported by Kesner the Board meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 P.M.

Respectfully submitted, Daniel R. Bales, Secretary, Romulus Board of Education

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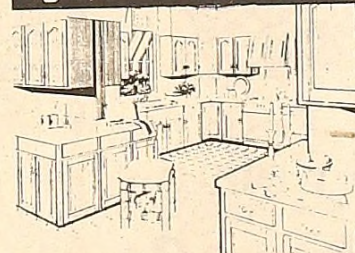
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